

AN ACT concerning zoos.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act is
amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

(70 ILCS 835/1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6801)

Sec. 1. The corporate authorities of forest preserve
districts, containing a population of 140,000 or more located
in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, having the
control or supervision of any forest preserves, may erect and
maintain within such forest preserves, under the control or
supervision of such corporate authorities, edifices to be
used for the collection and display of animals as customary
in zoological parks, and may collect and display such
animals, or permit the directors or trustees of any
zoological society devoted to the purposes aforesaid to erect
and maintain a zoological park and to collect and display
zoological collections within any forest preserve now or
hereafter under the control or supervision of such forest
preserve district, out of funds belonging to such zoological
society, or to contract with the directors or trustees of any
zoological society on such terms and conditions as may to
such corporate authorities seem best, relative to the
erection, operation and maintenance of a zoological park and
the collection and display of such animals within such forest
preserve, out of the tax hereinafter in this Act provided.

This Act applies to any forest preserve district that
maintains a zoological park that was established under this
Act prior to 1964, regardless of whether the population
requirements continue to be met.

Such a forest preserve district, or the directors or

trustees of such zoological society when so authorized by the forest preserve district, may (a) police the property of the zoological park, (b) employ, establish, maintain and equip a security force for fire and police protection of the zoological park and (c) provide that the personnel of the security force shall perform other tasks relating to the maintenance and operation of the zoological park. Members of the security force shall be conservators of the peace with all the powers of policemen in cities and of sheriffs, other than to serve or execute civil processes, but such powers may be exercised only within the area comprising the zoological park when required to protect the zoological park's property and interests, its personnel and persons using the facilities or at the specific request of appropriate federal, State or local law enforcement officials.

Such forest preserve district may charge, or permit such zoological society to charge, an admission fee. The proceeds of such admission fee shall be devoted exclusively to the operation and maintenance of such zoological park and the collections therein. All such zoological parks shall be open to the public without charge (i) a total number of days, to be scheduled at any time during the calendar year, equivalent to at least one day for each 7 days the zoological park is open during the calendar year ~~for-at-least-one-day-each--week~~ and (ii) to the children in actual attendance upon any of the schools in the State at all times. The managing authority of the zoological park may limit the number of school groups that may attend the zoo on any given day and may establish other rules and regulations that reasonably ensure public safety, accessibility, and convenience, including without limitation standards of conduct and supervision. ~~7--except that~~ Charges may be made at any time for special services and for admission to special facilities within any zoological park for the education, entertainment or convenience of

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visitors.

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